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GUY HOLTZMAN, BRUCE HEILMAN & ANNA CHALAMIDAS SEEDED INTO FINAL ROUND AT 2002 NATIONALS. WHERE'S JOHN PAT BULLOCK?

Guy Holtzman, Bruce Heilman, Anna Chalamidas, and **John Pat Bullock** all took Grand Champion honors at the 2001 Nationals in Albuquerque. Adult Black Belt Grand Champions are seeded into the final round of competition at the National Championships. You'll see Mr. Holtzman, Mr. Heilman, and Ms. Chalamidas defend their titles during the Finals on February 6th at the Crowne Plaza Pyramid Hotel.

What about John Pat Bullock? At last year's Nationals, Mr. Bullock took home his seventh Black Belt Men Kumite Grand Champion Award. With seven beautiful Alliance Cup Trophies, he has decided that he has enough. It's time for someone else to step up to the plate. We'll have to wait until April 6th to find out who that someone will be. Will it be one of our top three National Point competitors, **Jeff Crothers, Daniel Jordan**, or **Sasha Jovanovic**? Or will someone come up and surprise us all? No one knows, but you can be sure there will be many eyes on the Black Belt Men Kumite Divisions.

The 2002 Alliance Nationals and Annual Seminar will begin on Thursday, April 4th, at 12:30 pm with the National Convention. Thursday evening will wind up with the Alliance Hall of Fame

meeting at 8:00 pm in the Taos Room.

Friday, April 5th, is the day to complete your tournament registration. The registration desk will be open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Hallway outside the Pyramid Ballroom. The Last Chance Qualifier Tournament will begin promptly at 9:30 am on Friday, and be followed by the Alliance Rules and Referee Seminar will be held from 2:30 to 4:00 pm along with the Score Keepers and Time Keepers Seminar. All Weapons, Koshiki, Grappling, Chanbara, and Team Kata competitors are asked to report to the Pyramid Ballroom at 5:15 pm, April 5th, so that we may begin Friday's evening events at 5:30 pm.

Saturday morning Nationals competition starts right away, at 9:00 am, with the youth divisions followed by the adult divisions.

The competition will be fierce at the Alliance National Tournament Finals as competitors compete for the traditional Alliance Nationals Grand Champion trophies. The top two competitors from each youth (17 yrs. and under) Sparring Division, and the top two competitors from each adult Brown Belt, Colored Belt, and Novice Sparring Division will compete in Finals to determine the first and second place winners for each division. First place winners from each Forms and Weapons Division will compete for Grand Champion Kata and Grand Champion Weapons awards. Adult first place winners from each Forms, Weapons, and Sparring Division will compete for Grand Champion Awards. The coveted Revere Cup Grand Champion Trophies will be given out to our nine Grand Champion winners. Black Belt Men and Women Sparring Grand Champions will also receive an exquisite Dragon/Serpent Sword, the "Warrior's Award." Finals competitors are asked to report to the Pyramid Ballroom at 6:30 pm so they may be lined up and ready to make their special entry for finals competition.

Sunday, April 7th, we are pleased to be able to offer seminars by **Fumio Demura, Bruce & Ann-Marie Heilman**, and **John Pat Bullock**. Be sure to come in your gi, ready to work out for these seminars! They are appropriate for all ages, ranks, and styles. Don't miss this chance to train with these top-notch instructors.

Kobudo (weapons) testing will complete the Alliance Nationals and Annual

Seminar. The testing will be held from 4:00 to 6:30 pm Sunday in the Yucatan Room.

Don't miss this extraordinary martial arts weekend! For hotel reservations, please call the Crowne Plaza Pyramid Hotel at 1-505-821-3333. Be sure to mention the 2002 U.S. Karate Alliance Nationals. Our special room rates may still be available if you call now. We look forward to seeing you in Albuquerque!

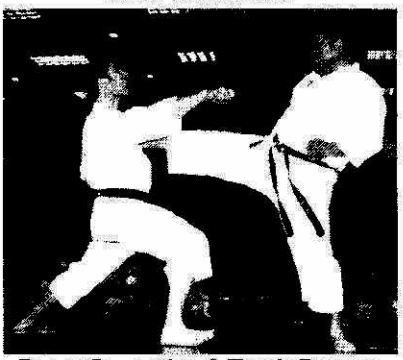
2001 NATIONAL FLASHBACKS

Guy Holtzman

Bruce Heilman

Anna Chalamidas

John Pat Bullock



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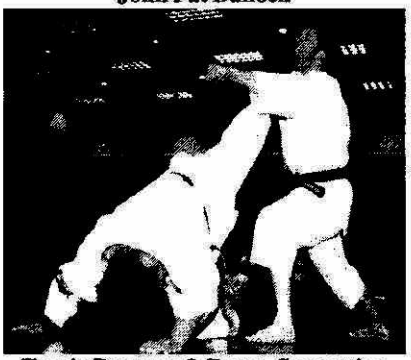

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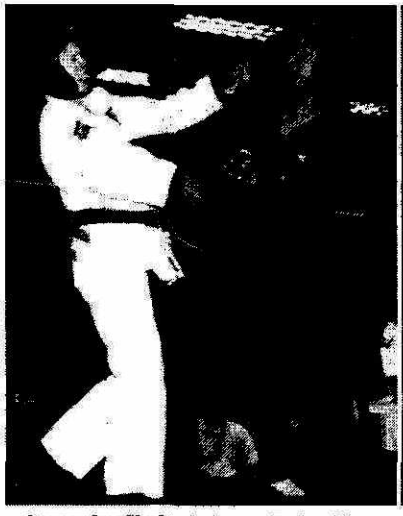

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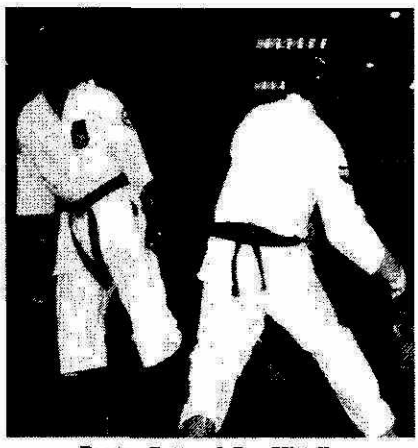

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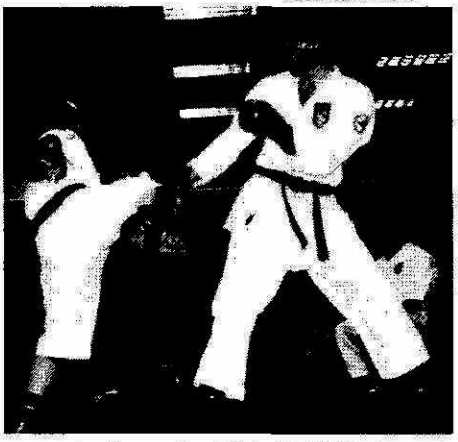
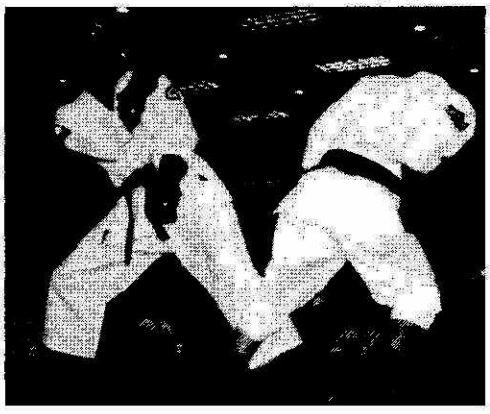


Joe Dupaquier & John Pat Bullock



John Pat Bullock & Buster Cotten

MAKE PLANS FOR YOUR SUMMER VACATION IN NEW OLREANS

New Orleans, Louisiana is on of the great vacation spots in the United States. If you like history, New Orleans is the place to go. The historical sites seem never ending.

Did you know that Napolean's death mask lies in the Cabildo in New Orleans? The Cabildo, located at Jackson Square, has been undergoing renovations to return it to its original state as the building that housed the Spanish colonial government. It holds a place in history as the place where the Louisiana Purchase was signed. It is a wonderful museum exhibiting not only Napolean's death mask, but also many maps, beautiful portraits and numerous artifacts from the colonial period, along with the "Mississippi River Gallery."

Some other museums in the area are the D-Day Museum, the New Orleans Museum of Art, the Pharmacy Museum, and the Presbytere, just to name a very few. There's also the Aquarium of the Americas, the Audubon Zoo, and great riverboats to tour the mighty Mississippi River.

Don't miss visiting Jackson Square. Originally a drill field for the troops, it was changed to the beautiful square it is today in 1851 when the walks, gardens, benches and fences were built. The name of the square was changed to Jackson Square in 1856 when the statue of Andrew Jackson, the first equestrian sculpture with two unsupported legs built by Clark Mills, was added.

You'll notice many walls, bridges, and other things built of slate and stone. What is amazing about this, is that all the stone and slate had to be imported. Much of the slate came from Wales and north Germany.

Travel on the St. Charles Avenue Streetcar to the Garden District where you will see beautiful plantation-style homes built in the 1830's by wealthy businessmen to show their great success.

Looking for a bit more of an adventure? How about a swamp tour? A trip through the bayou. New Orleans is surrounded by swampland. It abounds in all kinds of wildlife. Alligator, black bear, wildcat, deer, exotic birds, and "Big Foot" sightings can all be found here. Even artifacts from the era of Jean Lafitte, the pirate, can still be found buried in the marshes.

Those looking to "shop till you drop" can find treasure on Royal Street, bargains in the French Market, and great mall shopping at the Riverwalk.

Tourists from around the world come to New Orleans for fine dining and just plain great food. You can find everything from Saumon Lafayette & Crawfish Etouffee to Po-Boys and Gumbo. According to the New Orleans Vignette, the Creole and Cajun foods of the south are the oldest and most fully developed regional cuisines in America.

Wow! That sounds like a great vacation all by itself! But wait, there's more! (Sounds like a TV commercial, doesn't it? Did I get your curiosity up?) The 2002 World Championships are scheduled for August 1st through the 4th! What perfect vacation timing. The USKA World Championships will be held at the Radisson Hotel on Canal Street, just blocks from the French Quarter, the Riverwalk, and the Aquarium of the Americas.

As always, the World Championships draw competitors from all over the United States and from many countries around the world. It is open to all competitors of all styles.

The National Awards Banquet held on Saturday evening, the 3rd, honors the nations most outstanding competitors. Those competitors who place in the top ten of the USKA National Points competition receive a certificate, and the top three receive trophies. The number one competitor in each division is honored not only with a trophy, but also by a chance to say a few words to the audience when he/she is called up to receive their award.

World-class trophies, medallions, and awards will be awarded at the World Championships. Don't miss the Finals on Sunday, the 4th, when ten Grand Champion awards will be presented to the Grand Champion winners. Entertaining and educational demonstrations will be presented throughout the Finals that evening.

Make your World Championship hotel reser-vations by calling the Radisson Hotel at 1-800-333-3333. Be sure to mention the U.S. Karate Alliance World Championships to receive your special room rate. Southwest Airlines and Alamo Rent A Car will both be offering special rates to attendees.

Call headquaters for specific details. World Championship flyers will be printed up soon. Watch for yours in the mail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Colorado State Representative:
James Lee, a Tae Kwon Do stylist under Joe Dupaquier, has been appointed the Colorado State Representative. He will be holding the Colorado State Championships in the Vail, CO area this November. Look for him at the Alliance Nationals in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Congratulations, Mr. Lee!

Thank You:
Thank you to **Rick Nathanson** for the great article on Tamara Long in the last Bushido Bulletin. We always appreciate his expertise in writing articles. As a feature writer for the Albuquerque Journal, he writes about everything from beautiful vacation spots to teen violence. As a martial artist himself, under James H. Hawkes, he brings a special insight to each article he writes for the bulletin. Look for his article in the next bulletin featuring James Lee, our newly appointed Colorado State Representative.

Lifetime Memberships:
Lifetime memberships are available for only $300.00. The number of Lifetime membership patches you'll see is increasing. You too may have freedom from yearly renewals. You may download an application from our web site, or call headquarters to request one. Apply for your Alliance Lifetime Membership now!

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Rules & Referee Seminar and Score Keepers & Time Keepers Seminar:
The next Rules & Referee and Score Keepers & Time Keepers Seminar for certification will be held April 5, 2002 at 2:30 pm in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the Crowne Plaza Pyramid Hotel during the 2002 Nationals and Annual Seminar.

Hall of Fame Meeting:
The next Hall of Fame meeting will be held at 8:00 pm on Thursday, April 4, 2002, during the Alliance Nationals.

Reminder:
Alliance Judges & Referees: Please remember to wear a traditional martial arts uniform, or a white shirt, light gray trousers, and navy blazer when officiating.

School Owner Commisions:
We recently mailed commission checks to our Current Alliance School Members to thank them for their continued support in promoting the Alliance to their students in 2001. To participate in these commissions, a school owner must be a Current Alliance School Member who has ten or more students who are current Alliance Individual Members.

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